

# SOUTH SHORE TEEN

## Book Buzz

**November 2020 | Family, Friends, & Food**

Featured books recommendations!

### Fiction

- **With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo** - Living with her young daughter her abuela, the one place that high school senior Emoni Santiago can let her responsibilities go is in the kitchen, where she adds a little something magical to everything she cooks. Still, she knows she doesn't have enough time for her school's new culinary arts class, doesn't have the money for the class's trip to Spain — and shouldn't still be dreaming of someday working in a real kitchen. But even with all the rules she has for her life — and all the rules everyone expects her to play by — once Emoni starts cooking, her only real choice is to let her talent break free.  
→ Pick this if you love school stories, stories of resilience, and emotionally deep stories
- **North of Happy by Adi Alsaid** - A wealthy dual citizen of Mexico and the United States rebels against his family's strict plans for his future in the aftermath of his older brother's tragic death, an event that compels him to secure a job with his favorite celebrity chef, a relationship that becomes complicated when he falls for his boss's daughter.  
→ Pick this if you love character driven stories, found families, and food
- **The Cruel Prince by Holly Black** - Jude, seventeen and mortal, gets tangled in palace intrigues while trying to win a place in the treacherous High Court of Faerie, where she and her sisters have lived for a decade.  
→ Pick this if you love fantasy, romance, and forbidden faerie fare
- **10 Blind Dates by Ashley Elston** - After an unexpected breakup, seventeen-year-old Sophie lets members of her large, eccentric extended family set her up on ten blind dates during Christmas vacation.  
→ Pick this if you love quick reads, romantic comedies, and matchmaking family members
- **The Way You Make Me Feel by Maureen Goo** - Clara Shin lives for pranks and disruption. When she takes one joke too far, her dad sentences her to a summer working on his food truck, the KoBra, alongside her uptight classmate Rose Carver. Not the carefree summer Clara had imagined. But maybe Rose isn't so bad. Maybe the boy

named Hamlet (yes, Hamlet) crushing on her is pretty cute. Maybe Clara actually feels invested in her dad's business. What if taking this summer seriously means that Clara has to leave her old self behind?

→ Pick this if you love strong female friendships, lighthearted reads and food truck romances

- **Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry** - When nonbeliever Michael transfers to a Catholic school in eleventh grade, he quickly connects with a secret support group intent on exposing the school's hypocrisies one stunt at a time.  
→ Pick this if you love authentic and engaging stories about misfits
- **Life and Medieval Times of Kit Sweetly by Jamie Pacton** - Working as a wench--i.e. waitress--at a cheesy medieval-themed restaurant in the Chicago suburbs, Kit Sweetly dreams of being a knight like her brother. She has the moves, is capable on a horse, and desperately needs the raise that comes with knighthood, so she can help her mom pay the mortgage and hold a spot at her dream college. Company policy allows only guys to be knights. So when Kit takes her brother's place and reveals her identity at the end of the show, she rockets into internet fame and a whole lot of trouble with the management. But the Girl Knight won't go down without a fight. As other wenches join her quest, a protest forms. In a joust before Castle executives, they'll prove that gender restrictions should stay medieval--if they don't get fired first.  
→ Pick this if you love Renaissance fairs, humorous tales, and strong female characters
- **Love and Gelato by Jenna Evans Welch** - It has always been just Lina and her mom, Hadley, and Lina's been fine with that. But when Hadley dies of cancer, her final wish is for 16-year-old Lina to go to Italy for the summer to meet her father. When she arrives at his home, she finds her mother's journal awaiting her words that recount Hadley's year in Italy and her experience of love as she honed her craft as an artist. Lina comes to know her mother through new eyes while falling in love for the first time with a cute Italian boy.  
→ Pick this if you love traveling, romance, self-discovery, hopeful stories, and gelato

## Nonfiction

- **The How-To Cookbook for Teens by Julie Morrison** - Explore 100 simple recipes with everyday ingredients that are affordable and easy to find. Explore a tasty mix of classic comfort foods and creative new dishes, like Cheesy Breakfast Bacon Muffins, Black Bean Burgers, Easy Lasagna, Banana Cream Pie, and many more.  
→ Pick this if you love food and easy recipes, and want to learn the basics of cooking